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SUBJECT: SECRETARY BUTZ'S TRIP TO ROK

REFS: A. FASTO CIRCULAR 72

B. STATE 050032

1. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING CLARIFICATION AS TO ATTENDANCE NON-USDA PERSONNEL IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ROKG OFFICIALS. IF APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT PARK MATERIALIZES, SECRETARY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR HABIB. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BLUE HOUSE PRACTICE, NO OTHER MEMBERS OF SECRETARY PARTY OR EMB PERSONNEL WILL BE INCLUDED IN CALL ON PRESIDENT. IN OTHER HIGH LEVEL CALLS SECRETARY CAN BE ACCOMPANIED BY SUCH MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY AS HE MAY DESIRE EXCEPT FOR PRESS.
2. NOTE THAT PRESS REPS INCLUDED IN OFFICIAL PARTY. ALTHOUGH THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN OFFICIAL SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS AND CALLS, WILL INCLUDE THEM IN ALL NON-SUBSTANTIVE EVENTS AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS. PAO WILL PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDED. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE ON SECRETARY'S DESIRES FOR PRESS HANDLING.
3. BIO DATA WILL BE SENT SEPTTEL.

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4. TOPICS OF INTEREST ON KOREAN SIDE:

A. ASSURANCE OF STABLE SUPPLIES US WHEAT AND CORN.

B. WORLD FOOD SITUATION AND OUTLOOK.

C. GENERAL INTEREST IN UN FOOD CONVENTION TO BE HELD
IN ROME THIS FALL.

D. MAF STATES THEY UNDERSTAND PL 480 SITUATION AND HAVE
NO INTENTION TO RAISE THIS QUESTION. NEVERTHELESS, WE
EXPECT SUBJECT MAY ARISE AT VARIOUS TIMES.

E. ROKG AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, PLANS FOR
SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN RICE AND BARLEY BUT CONTINUED DEPENDENCE
ON US FOR WHEAT AND CORN.

5. SUGGESTED POINTS SECRETARY MIGHT STRESS:

A. KOREA'S FORWARD PURCHASES OF WHEAT, CORN AND COTTON
HAVE BEEN HANDLED WELL. RECENT PURCHASES OF 316,000 MT WHEAT
AND 110,000 MT BARLEY WERE FINALIZED SKILLFULLY WITHOUT
OVER-HEATING US MARKET. FYI MAF NOT INVOLVED IN COTTON
IMPORTS, WHICH IS CONCERN OF MIN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.
DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE SUFFICIENT TIME TO INCLUDE MEETINGS
WITH ANOTHER MINISTRY. SECRETARY WILL MEET INDUSTRY REPS
SOCIALLY.

B. IN ADDITION TO MAJOR COMMODITY TRADE, REFER TO
KOREA'S PURCHASES US HOLSTEINS AND FORAGE SEEDS AND EXPRESS
HOPE KOREA WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK TO US FOR THESE IN FUTURE
AS WELL AS BEEF AND SWINE BREEDING STOCK.

C. IN AGATT OPINION NO SPECIFIC TRADE POLICY MATTERS
NEED BE BROUGHT UP BY US SIDE. ROKG MAY EXPRESS CONCERN
OVER PAST AND POSSIBLE FUTURE GRAIN SALES TO COMMUNIST
NATIONS AS A FACTOR WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECTS ROK ABILITY TO
OBTAIN NEEDED SUPPLIES AT PRICES THEY CAN AFFORD. THEY DO
NOT MEAN TO INDICATE OBJECTION TO THE SALES BUT RATHER TO
STRESS THEIR OWN NEEDS AS LONG TERM MARKET AND THE HOPE
THEY WILL RECEIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION. WE ALSO EXPECT
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MATTER OF RENEWAL OF CCC CREDIT TO BE BROUGHT UP.

6. IN LIGHT OF FIRM ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE TIMES WE WILL PLAN
FIELD TRIP TO DAEHAN FEED LOT SATURDAY MORNING.
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